



NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY

Designated Colonias and Beyond 150 Miles of the Mexico Border

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Colonias definition:

A rural community with a population of 25,000 or less located within 150 miles of the United States-Mexico border that:

Has been designated a Colonia by the county or municipality due to:

Lack of potable water;

Lack of adequate sewage systems;

lack of decent, safe and sanitary housing;

Has been in existence as a Colonia prior to November 1990

- ❖ There currently exist approximately 155 Colonias within the eleven most Southern counties in the state.

Pueblos/Tribes

- ❖ There are currently 22 pueblos and tribes in the State of New Mexico including the Navajo Nation.

Other NM Communities beyond 150 miles of the Mexico Border

- ❖ There are multiple communities in New Mexico that have Colonias like conditions, most notably the Pajarito Mesa Community in Bernalillo County. Throughout the state there are communities that don't have the expertise and/or are not organized to apply for funding from the many funding sources the state has to offer. In almost every instance, these communities cannot afford a loan and lack the expertise to move forward for planning projects to advance the dire need of infrastructure.



Below is an estimated assessment of the need for water and waste water infrastructure versus available funds from state and federal funding programs:

Colonias: *Need is an estimated figure based on information by COG District*

Need	Distribution	Federal Funds	Difference
\$268,000,000	\$16,640,011	\$8,300,000	\$243,059,989

Colonias like communities beyond the 150 Mile from the border requirement including pueblos/tribes: *Estimated need and available resources taken from NMIAD Staff, Federal Indian Health Services, Water Trust Board staff, NMED staff, and polling various entities.*

Entity	Est. Need	State Available	Fed Available	Unfunded Need
Pueblos/Tribes	\$147,496,806			
Navajo (NM) **	\$194,609,556			
Pajarito Mesa	\$ 4,200,000			
Other Colonias like Communities	\$538,000,000			
Totals	\$884,306,362	\$380M	\$30M	474,306,362

** - The Navajo Pipeline is a state sponsored project funded by State, Federal, and Local funds and is estimated to cost approximately \$900,000,000.

State and Federal Resources available

Senior Severance Tax Bonds (capital outlay)	\$267M
Water Trust Board – Water Project Fund	\$ 34M
Colonias Infrastructure Fund	\$ 17M
Tribal Infrastructure Fund	\$ 17M
Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (EPA)	\$ 22M
Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund-Waste Water (EPA)	\$ 23M
Federal Funds Grant and Loan Programs (USDA/HUD-CDBG)	\$ 30M+